

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Canceled).

Claim 2 (Currently Amended): A printing system having at least one printer, comprising:

- a document supervisory client configured to generate print condition settings; and
- a document supervisory server configured to control printing based upon a printing request from the document supervisory client in accordance with the print condition settings;

wherein said document supervisory client makes a query to the document supervisory server via a network if the print condition settings are permissible ~~appropriate~~ in a printer, said document supervisory server returns advisability of the print condition settings to the document supervisory client,

wherein said document supervisory server changes a combination of the print condition settings and sends ~~an appropriate~~ a permissible combination including one set of changed print condition settings to the document supervisory client when determining the print condition settings are impermissible ~~incompatible with each other~~, and

wherein said document supervisory client generates a user interface based on the one set of changed print condition settings.

Claim 3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): A printing system comprising:

a first computer including a document supervisory client configured to generate print condition settings;

a second computer including a document supervisory server configured to perform printing base upon a printing request from the document supervisory client in accordance with the print condition settings; and

at least one printer connected to a network;

wherein said document supervisory client makes a query to the document supervisory server via the network if the print condition settings are permissible ~~appropriate~~ in one of said at least one printer, said document supervisory server returns advisability of the print condition settings to the document supervisory client,

wherein said document supervisory server changes a combination of the print condition settings and sends a permissible ~~an appropriate~~ combination including a changed set of print condition settings to the document supervisory client when determining the print condition settings are impermissible ~~incompatible with each other~~, and

wherein said document supervisory client generates a user interface based on the changed set of print condition settings.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The printing system according to claim 2, wherein said document supervisory server sends initial setting values with applicable character strings and graphs each representing print condition settings to the document supervisory client, and said document supervisory client generates a user interface configured to allow print condition settings based upon the setting values, character strings, and graphs.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The printing system according to claim 5, wherein, said document supervisory server changes a combination of the print condition settings and sends a permissible ~~an appropriate~~ combination including one set of changed print condition settings to the document supervisory client when determining the print condition settings are an impermissible ~~inappropriate~~ combination.

Claim 7 (Previously Presented): The printing system according to claim 4, wherein said document supervisory server sends initial setting values with applicable character strings and graphs each representing print condition settings to the document supervisory client, and said document supervisory client generates a user interface configured to allow print condition settings based upon the setting values, character strings, and graphs.

Claim 8 (Currently Amended): The printing system according to claim 7, wherein, said document supervisory server changes a combination of the print condition settings and sends a permissible ~~an appropriate~~ combination including one set of changed print condition settings to the document supervisory client when determining the print condition settings are an impermissible ~~inappropriate~~ combination.

Claim 9 (Previously Presented): The printing system according to any one of claims 4 to 8, wherein, said document supervisory client is configured to send an ID which uniquely identifies a document stored in a database in a document supervisory server, and said document supervisory server obtains an applicable document corresponding to the ID and executes printing the applicable document in accordance with the print condition settings.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): A printing method comprising ~~the steps of~~:
generating prescribed print condition settings in a first computer;
transmitting a query to a second computer via a network if the print condition settings
are permissible ~~appropriate~~ in a printer connected to the network;
returning advisability of the print condition settings from the second computer to the
first computer; and performing printing in accordance with the advisability;
determining if the print condition settings are permissible ~~appropriate~~ in the printer;
changing, in the second computer, a combination of the print condition settings to a
permissible ~~an appropriate~~ combination when the print condition settings are determined to
be impermissible ~~incompatible with each other~~; and
sending the permissible ~~appropriate~~ combination to the first computer,
wherein said first computer generates a user interface based on the changed print
condition settings.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): The printing method according to claim 11, further
comprising ~~the steps of~~:
sending all of setting values related to the printer as permissible ~~appropriate~~ print
condition settings, applicable character strings, and graphs representing initial print condition
settings to the first computer; and
generating the user interface configured to allow modification of print condition
settings based upon the setting values, character strings, and graphs.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): The printing method according to claim 12, further
comprising ~~the steps of~~:

sending an ID from the first computer to the second computer via the network, said ID uniquely identifies a document;

obtaining the document corresponding to the ID; and

executing printing the document based on the print condition settings.

Claim 14 (Canceled).

Claim 15 (New) The printing system according to claim 2, wherein the combination of the print condition settings changed by said document supervisory server is a combination of print condition settings that were set by an operator of the printing system.

Claim 16 (New) The printing system according to claim 4, wherein the combination of the print condition settings changed by said document supervisory server is a combination of print condition settings that were set by an operator of the printing system.

Claim 17 (New) The printing system according to claim 11, wherein the combination of the print condition settings changed by the second computer is a combination of print condition settings that were set by an operator of the printing system.